From:	Nichols, Clay
To:	Ted Koch; Debra Bills; Omar Bocanegra; Nathan Allan; Susan Jacobsen; Marjorie Nelson; Jason Luginbill; Chris O"Meilia; Kevin Burgess; Patricia Echo-Hawk; Jennifer Davis; Lesli Gray; Shawn Sartorius
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Status of the lesser prairie chicken status review
Date:	Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:34:23 AM

All,

Just an FYI - See email string below.

Please let me know if there are any questions

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From: **Nichols, Clay** <clay_nichols@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, May 31, 2018 at 12:32 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Status of the lesser prairie chicken status review
To: Marla Peek <Marla.Peek@okfb.org>
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Marla,

As for making the data used to determine the species listing status publicly available this will certainly occur. We are working on finishing up our Species Status Assessment (SSA) which is the biological analysis that will be used to inform the listing determination. The SSA and all the supporting information and data will become part of the administrative record for the determination and be publicly available. We did receive your comments and they are part of the record and information that is being considered for the listing determination. We are trying to have the SSA completed and available in the next few months.

Please let me know if there are any questions

Thank You

Clay

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On Wed, May 30, 2018 at 1:56 PM, Marla Peek <Marla.Peek@okfb.org> wrote:

> Clay,
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> Thank you for the response. A couple of questions.
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> Can you make the data used to determine the species' listing publicly available? I apologize if I have already asked you that. I submitted a few comments late to the proceeding and am not sure if they are included in the official record. Dr. Tuggle said they would be but I wanted to verify.
>
> If I need to FOIA the info would you let me know ASAP please? It would be ideal to have that information on the LEPC's page on our regional USFWS' website. I know for sure some research was in the works when you all began the SSA.
>
> Thanks so much!
>
> Marla
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> Marla R. Peek
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 30, 2018, at 8:43 AM, Nichols, Clay <clay_nichols@fws.gov> wrote:
>
> Hello Marla!
>
> Good to hear from you. Below is a high level summary of the most recent info:
>
> In September 2016 the FWS received a petition to list the LPC. We made a positive 90 day petition finding which meaning that we were "on the clock" to make a 12 month petition finding (12 month finding) by September 2017. We have not made a 12 month finding as of yet. We have been working on a Species Status Assessment (SSA), which is an analysis of the biological information about the species, that would be used to support the 12 month finding. We are trying to get a 12 month finding completed by the end of this fiscal year. The potential outcomes of that finding would either be not warranted, warranted but precluded by other higher priorities, or warranted and proposed for listing.
>
> I tried to keep this summary out of weeds and at a high level. If there are any details that I did not address that you are interested in or have any questions about please let me know.

Talk to you soon

Clay

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On Fri, May 25, 2018 at 1:34 PM, Marla Peek <Marla.Peek@okfb.org> wrote:

> *Hi Clay!*
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> *I couldn't remember where we are in the LEPC status review. Could you please fill me in on what is going on and any new deadlines or developments?*
>
> *Thanks so much!*
>
> *Marla*
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